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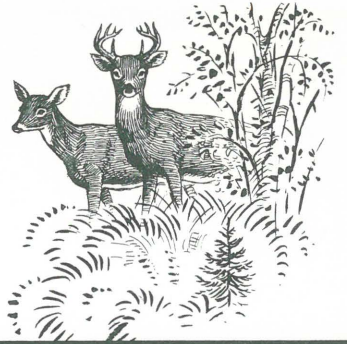
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F I E L D N O T E S

APRIL 30, 1964

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE APRIL 11:

WARDEN MILTON SCRIBNER OF UNITY REPORTS HE HAD TWO DEER KILLED BY CARS; ONE WAS A DOE WITH TWO UNBORN LAMBS.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, JR. OF BELGRADE REPORTS FOUR CANADA GEESE WERE RESTING NEAR THE BRIDGE AT BELGRADE STREAM LAST WEEK, WITH A PAIR OF BLACK DUCKS AMONG THEM. SAW A FLOCK OF FIVE MOURNING DOVES BETWEEN HINCKLEY AND SKOWHEGAN.

WARDEN MELL RANDALL OF LIVERMORE REPORTS SEVERAL DOG-DEER COMPLAINTS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. DEER ARE BECOMING MORE ACTIVE WITH THREE FENCED-IN ORCHARDS BEING INFILTRATED BY DEER CRAWLING UNDER THE FENCES.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY OF BELGRADE LAKES REPORTS QUITE A LOT OF ACTIVITY AT LONG POND IN THE WAY OF FISHING. ONE SNOW GOOSE HAS SPENT A WEEK OR 10 DAYS IN BELGRADE LAKES VILLAGE ON THE SHORE OF LONG POND. IT'S VERY FRIENDLY. SMELTS HAVE STARTED TO RUN (11) AT WEST MT. VERNON.

WARDEN CHARLES TUTTLE OF RICHMOND REPORTS AS OF APRIL 11, HE HAS NOT CHECKED ANY OPEN WATER FISHERMEN. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRYING THEIR BOATS OUT ON COBBOSSEE STREAM AT GARDINER WHICH IS ABOUT THE ONLY OPEN WATER (11) THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH OF JEFFERSON REPORTS SOME CROSS ROADS IMPASSABLE NOW. DEER SHOWING UP FAIRLY WELL. LOTS OF GEESE AND DUCKS IN THE KENNEBEC RIVER.

WARDEN WIN GORDON OF WARREN REPORTS WATER IS HIGH AND COLD (11). WITH A LITTLE WARM WEATHER, THINGS SHOULD PICK UP. DEER ARE SHOWING UP IN THE FIELDS FROM SUNSET ON. GETTING A LOT OF QUESTIONS ON THE NEW BOATING LAWS.

WARDEN OLIN JACKSON OF SOUTH CHINA REPORTS FEW FISHERMEN OUT BUT NOT VERY LUCKY AS OF NOW. A FEW WHITE PERCH BEING TAKEN AT WINSLOW WHERE THE OUTLET STREAM EMPTIES INTO THE SEBASTICOOK RIVER. ICE GOING FAST THIS WEEK. SOME COMPLAINTS OF DOG TROUBLE IN THE DISTRICT THIS WEEK BUT NOT AS BAD AS LAST YEAR.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WILLIAM SHAW, DIV. E, STRONG, APRIL 25:

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: ICE TURNING BLACK IN ALL LAKES AND PONDS. COULD HAVE EARLY ICE OUT IF WE DO NOT GET MORE SNOW.

WARDEN GRAY MORRISON, KINGFIELD: THE FIRST TROUT OF THE SEASON IN THIS DISTRICT WAS CAUGHT BY MAHLON BEAN OF KINGFIELD BELOW GRAND FALLS ON THE DEAD RIVER AND WEIGHED TWO POUNDS. THE BALD EAGLE HAS RETURNED TO DEAD RIVER. SAW 43 GEESE, ALSO BLACK DUCKS, GOLDENEYE AND TEAL. SWALLOWS FLYING ABOUT AT GRAND FALLS.

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WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: SNOW ABOUT GONE IN FIELDS AND OPEN PLACES. ICE IS CHANGING VERY FAST IN PONDS AND BY THE NEXT WEEK END SHOULD SEE THE ICE GONE OR ABOUT READY TO GO. NO SMELTS RUNNING AS YET IN MY AREA. THE FROGS HAVE STARTED PEEPING. HAVE HEARD SEVERAL PARTRIDGES DRUMMING.

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: NO SMELTS RUNNING IN THIS AREA AS YET, BUT THE SMELTERS ARE ACTIVE. CHECKED ONE OF MY CLOSED BROOKS AND FOUND ALL OF THE "CLOSED TO TAKING OF SMELTS" SIGNS TORN DOWN.

THE FLOCKS OF DUCKS ON THE ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER HAS BROKEN UP AND THE BIRDS ARE TRAVELING IN PAIRS NOW. A FEMALE WOOD DUCK SPENT APPROXIMATELY A HALF-HOUR CHECKING THE MAPLE TREES IN MY DOORYARD FOR A HOLE LARGE ENOUGH TO NEST IN.

SUPERVISOR SHAW: SMELT RUNS ON AT LONG POND STREAM AT GREENVALE WITH AROUND A THOUSAND PEOPLE ON DECK SAT. NIGHT APRIL 18. NO SMELTS TO AMOUNT TO ANYTHING TAKEN THAT NIGHT. SUNDAY NIGHT THERE WAS A SMALLER CROWD AND EVERYONE GOT THEIR LIMIT.

INDIAN ROCK SMELT RUN JUST STARTING AS OF THE NIGHT OF APRIL 21. THIS WEEK END SHOULD BE A HUMDINGER. IF THE WATER STAYS DOWN REASONABLY, WE SHOULD GET A GOOD RUN WITH SMELTS EASIER TO TAKE.

MILL BROOK SMELT RUN ON BUT NOT UNDER WAY IN GOOD SHAPE AS IT USUALLY IS. ON AND OFF.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WENDELL BROWN, DIV. F, DOVER-FOXCROFT, APR. 17:

WARDEN NORMAN GILBERT, HARTLAND REPORTS NEARLY 2,000 DUCKS IN DOUGLAS POND AND RIVER ABOUT 500 OF THEM BLACKS.

BROOKS RUNNING FREE AND HIGH. NOT MUCH FISHING ACTIVITY SO FAR.

SOME TALK IN THE AREA ABOUT GETTING A SPRING SEASON ON MUSKRATS.

DEER SHOWING UP IN MANY AREAS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, APR. 20:

SMELT FISHERMEN ARE THE CRAZIEST PEOPLE! THEY FLOCK OUT BY THE HUNDREDS IN ALL KINDS OF WEATHER AND MANY TIMES RISK THEIR LIVES FOR A FEW, BITE-SIZED FISH. THIS WEEK AT AMBAJEJUS LAKE MANY OF THE FISHERMEN WERE GOING ACROSS THE LAKE WITH SNOWMOBILES! SOME OF THEM WERE LOST ON THE LAKE IN THE FOG FOR A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME. IT IS A MINOR MIRACLE SOME OF THEM DON'T WIND UP IN THE DRINK, AS THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OPEN HOLES.

THERE ARE MORE DUCKS THAN USUAL IN THE PENOBSCOT RIVER THIS YEAR. THE INDIAN TRAPPERS REPORT GETTING QUITE A FEW IN THEIR MUSKRAT TRAPS.

WE ARE STILL GETTING A FEW COMPLAINTS OF DOGS CHASING DEER, BUT THE DEER STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING AWAY AS THE SNOW IS PRETTY WELL GONE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE DIVISION AND THERE IS QUITE A LOT OF WATER IN THE SWAMPS.

I HAVE SEEN QUITE A FEW WOODCOCK AND HAVE REPORTS OF MANY MORE BEING SEEN. I SAW THE FIRST SWALLOWS OF THE SEASON ON APRIL 19. THESE WERE NOT THE SAME VARIETY ONE SEES ON SOME SMELT RUNS!

QUITE A FEW RACCOONS HAVE BEEN RUN OVER BY CARS SO FAR THIS SPRING.

THE WATER IS HIGH IN MOST OF OUR BROOKS AND STREAMS AND SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE INTEREST IN FISHING.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WILFRED ATKINS, DIV. H. PRESQUE ISLE, APR. 22:

WARDEN RUSSELL COOK OF HOULTON REPORTS FISHING IS AT A MINIMUM RIGHT NOW. THE WATER HAS BEEN HIGH, BUT IS SUBSIDING IN THE BROOKS. THERE ARE SEVERAL TRAPPERS OUT, BUT REPORTING LOW NUMBERS OF MUSKRATS TAKEN. SAW FOUR MOURNING DOVES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

WARDEN MAYNARD PELLETIER OF CARIBOU REPORTS: HAD A MOOSE STRUCK BY A CAR IN CASWELL LAST WEEK. THE ANIMAL HAD TO BE DISPOSED OF. THE DRIVER STATED HE BELIEVED HIS SEAT BELT SAVED HIM FROM SERIOUS INJURY IN THE ACCIDENT.

WARDEN INSPECTOR VIRGIL GRANT OF HOULTON REPORTS FISHING SUCCESS HAS BEEN ONLY FAIR THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE DIVISION, SO FAR (22). VERY LITTLE FISHING ACTIVITY IN THE WOODS DISTRICTS, AS YET. ALL LAKES AND PONDS ARE STILL ICE BOUND AND STREAMS ARE GENERALLY STILL TOO HIGH FOR GOOD FISHING. DEER ARE COMMENCING TO SHOW IN THE FIELDS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J. BINGHAM, APRIL 15:

WARDEN MIKE COLLINS, THE FORKS: FISHING PRESSURE ON MARTIN POND, THE FORKS, (RECLAIMED) VERY HEAVY OVER THE WEEK END. FROM 800 TO 1,000 TROUT FROM 6" TO 16" WERE TAKEN THROUGH THE CRACKS IN THE ICE. ONE HOLE PRODUCED OVER 100 IN ONE DAY. THERE WAS A WAITING LINE AT THE HOLE. AS FAST AS ONE PERSON TOOK HIS LIMIT OF FIVE TROUT, ANOTHER PERSON STEPPED IN TO TAKE HIS OR HER LIMIT.

WARDEN DONALD WALKER, BINGHAM: FISHING VERY SLOW WITH EXCEPTION OF THE RECLAIMED PONDS WHICH ARE BEING FISHED VERY HARD.

SUPERVISOR BARRON: A COMBINATION OF WARM RAIN, SUN, AND GENERAL GOOD WEATHER IS FAST REMOVING WHAT LITTLE SNOW THAT ACCUMULATED THIS PAST WINTER. THE QUESTION THAT WE ARE ASKED MANY TIMES EACH DAY IS WITH US AGAIN: "WHEN WILL THE ICE GO OUT AT MY FAVORITE POND OR LAKE?" WITH NORMAL WEATHER, WE EXPECT THE ICE TO LEAVE ABOUT THE FIRST PART OF MAY.